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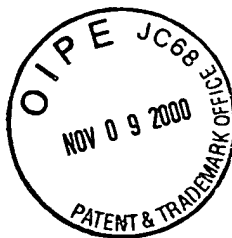
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For : ENDOSCOPE SYSTEM, SCANNING OPTICAL SYSTEM
AND POLYGONAL MIRROR



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Examiner:

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 5,321,501 to SWANSON et al., which issued on June 14, 1994;

Japanese Laid Open Patent No. HEI 6-154228 to KANEKO et al., which was
published on June 3, 1994, along with an English translation of the same; and

An article entitled "In Vivo Endoscopic OCT Imaging of Precancer and Cancer States
of Human Mucosa", by SEGEEV et al., Optics Express, Vol. 1, No. 13, December 22, 1997,
pp. 432-440.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and
cite the patent documents, the enclosed translation and other publication. Copies of the

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above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

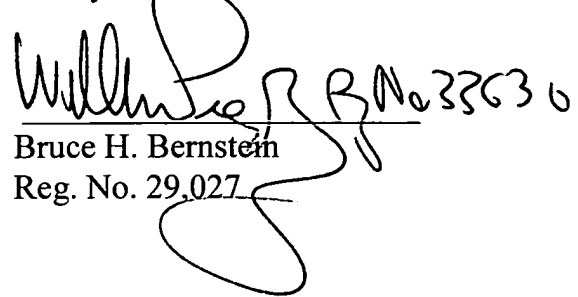
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/605,852, which was filed on June 29, 2000; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/634,549, which was filed on August 8, 2000.

Copies of the above-noted applications are attached for the Examiner's review.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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